



Recruitment of Project Director
Smallholder Agribusiness and Resilience Project (SARP)
Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Livestock and Irrigation

The Smallholder Agribusiness and Resilience Project (SARP) implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigation and jointly financed by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Government of Sri Lanka is for a period of 6 years (2021 to 2027). This Project (SARP), aims to build resilience and market participation of 40,000 rural households in the climate change-affected districts of Anuradhapura, Vavuniya, Matale, Mannar, Puttalam and Kurunegala, which would be establish a dedicated Project Management Unit (PMU) at central level and two regional hubs for the implementation. Total project finance value is USD 82 Mn.

Applications are invited from qualified Sri Lanka Citizens to recruit Project Director as per Management Service Department (MSD) Circular Number 01/2019 and Government recruitment procedures for the IFAD funded Smallholder Agribusiness and Resilience Project (SARP).

The applicant should possess the following qualification and experience given in the Management Service Department (MSD) Circular Number 01/2019 dated 5th March 2019.

Project Director (PS 1) - Project Management Unit

Qualification (1) or (2) or (3) below.

1. Bachelor Degree in Business Management or Agriculture field in a recognized University or qualification similar to Degree recognized by UGC or Associate membership / similar professional qualifications in the relevant field in a recognized Professional Body and at least 12 years post qualifying experience at managerial level out of which 06 years should be in the senior Managerial Level.

OR

2. Bachelor Degree in Business Management or Agriculture field in a recognized University or equivalent qualification to degree recognized by UGC or Associate Membership/ similar professional qualifications from a recognized Professional Body and Post Graduate Degree or Corporate / Chartered Membership or similar qualifications in a recognized Professional Body with at least 10 years post qualifying experience at managerial level out of which 05 years should be in the senior Managerial post.

OR

3. Bachelor Degree in a recognized University in Business Management or Agriculture field or qualification similar to Degree recognized by UGC and a Post Graduate Degree in Business Management or Agriculture field with Corporate/Chartered Membership / similar professional qualifications in a recognized Professional Body with at least 08 years post qualifying experience at managerial level out of which 04 years should be in the senior Managerial post.

- Senior managerial level experience in Agriculture, Agri-Business, and Irrigation Management for five years would be highly desirable.
- Ability to analyze information, evaluate options, and think and plan strategically.
- Strong strategic leadership, management, and coordination skills.
- Proven experience in financial oversight, procurement, M&E, and working with government and donor-funded projects.
- Experience in building partnerships with the private sector and government agencies.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English and working knowledge of Sinhala and/or Tamil.

A Brief Job Description:

The Project Director will oversee the project's strategic implementation, ensuring its development objectives are achieved. This role entails providing leadership, coordination, and guidance across all project components, including personnel management, financial oversight, procurement and contracts management, grants administration, monitoring and evaluation (M&E), and cross-functional collaboration with other units within SARP, government stakeholders, implementing partners, and other relevant stakeholders.

General Conditions:

- Age Limit – Below Sixty-four (64) years on the closing date of application
- All appointments will be initially for a period of one year and extension of services will be based on successful performance.
- Employees are required to travel to project sites depending on the need.
- Working experience in the foreign funded projects in Sri Lanka is preferable
- Proficiency in English, Computer Literacy and familiarity with government rules and regulations.
- Salary for each position will be based on the Management Services Circular No. 01/2019 dated 05th March 2019.
- Short listed applicants based on qualifications and experience will be called for the interview.

Location:

Project Management Unit is located in Battaramulla and the Hub offices are located in Nikawaratiya and Madawachchiya. However, traveling to project locations are involved frequently.

APPLICATIONS:

All applicants are requested to forward their applications together with Curriculum Vitae with two non-related referees and copies of all the certificates attached, under registered post to the address given below and e-mail to addisecdev@gmail.com on or before 16th June 2025.

- Applicants currently in government/ semi government services should forward their applications through their respective Head of Departments.
- Applied post should be clearly stated on the top left – hand corner of the envelope containing the application.
- The decision of the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigations is final and conclusive on the above recruitments.

Address for Applications

**The Secretary
Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigation
80/5 ,“Govijana Mandiraya”, Rajamalwatta Road, Battaramulla**

For more information, please visit www.sarp.lk. (<https://sarp.lk/vacancies>) OR agrimin.gov.lk

**The Secretary
Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigation**

1st June 2025